

**MINUTES OF THE FREMONT RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING  
County Courthouse, Loa, Utah  
January 24, 2001**

Minutes of the Fremont River Distribution System held at Loa, Utah, January 24, 2001. The meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. with Lee Sim conducting.

Lee brought the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous year's meeting were read by John Larsen of the Salt Lake Water Rights Office. No corrections were necessary so a motion was made to approve the minutes by Forrest Sims, seconded by John Jackson, all approved.

Lee Sim then read the financial report. The balance of the Distribution Trust Funds at the beginning of the year was \$5,418.60, receipts at \$3,335.28, expenditures at \$2,559.74, with a balance of \$6,194.14 at the end of the year. He reported there was one delinquent water assessment for 2000 in the name of Randy Hoovey, which has been purchased by State Stone. This account will be corrected to show the current owner prior to assessments being sent out. Commissioner Jan Ellett indicated he had submitted all travel expenses for the past year. A motion was then made by Keith Durfey to accept the financial report, seconded by Richard Jensen. The motion carried.

Commissioner Jan Ellett then gave his report on the activities on the river for 2000. He mentioned water supplies for the 2000 season were short in supply. However, summer rains came when they were needed and the river system ran smoothly this past year. The current snow pack was at 92% of normal at this time last year.

Mr. Ellett's also mentioned the Sulphur Creek measuring device near the visitors center in Capitol Reef National Park will be installed by the Park Service to measure flows of the creek. Garkane Canal improvements worked well this past year. Alexanders need a parshall flume installed on their ditch. The Torrey Canal broke out this last season but was repaired and worked well. Jan needs to get the current meter from Bobby Edwards so he can take measurements when needed. Keith Durfey is concerned about debris and rock in the measuring devices on Pleasant Creek at Notom. They will need periodic cleaning. Mr. Ellett stated that he will tag those devices that are being tampered with. Dwight Williams inquired about the flooding of his pastures in Bicknell Bottoms due to back up the river because of rock dams. Kirk Forbush said he would look into the matter and investigate the water rights. Mr. Ellett also inquired of Forrest Sims irrigation practice because he could never see any water being diverted. Mr. Sims indicates he only waters at night because the heat of the day shuts down his thermal switches. Mr. Ellett also mentioned he appreciated feed back and phone calls by the water users indicating their concerns and needs to him.

A motion was made by Bob Lewis to accept the commissioner's report, seconded by Forrest Sims, all approved.

Lee discussed the budget for next year with the water users. The budget was proposed at \$4,650.00 and the assessment at \$3,000.00, the same as in 2000. A motion was made by John Jackson to accept the budget and assessment, seconded by Richard Jensen, all approved.

A motion was then made by Forrest Sims and seconded by Phil Pace to nominate Jan Ellett as the commissioner for four years, 2001 through 2004. The motion passed unanimously.

Lee then invited nominations for committee members for the upcoming year. A motion was made by Bob Lewis to have committee member Phil Pace remain as director for the upper river and Keith Durfey for the lower river, seconded by Forrest Sims, all approved.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Those attending the meeting:

Jan Ellett	River Commissioner
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Division of Water Rights
Kirk Forbush	Division of Water Rights
Gertrudys Adkins	Division of Water Rights
Richard Jensen	Water User
Cathy Bagley	Torrey Irrigation Co.
Kay Hickman	Water User
Lamont Chappell	Capitol Reef National Park
Ed White	Water User
Phil Pace	Torrey Irrigation Co.
Dwight Williams	Water User
Bob Lewis	Happy Valley Ranch
Keith Durfey	Notom Ranch
Forrest Sims	Water User
John D. Jackson	Caineville Canal Co.